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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5173

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Commending Jack O. Lanier.

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WHEREAS, Jack O. Lanier, a respected educator and an experienced professional in the health care field, retired as the chief executive officer of the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lanier earned a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, a master's degree from Baylor University, and a doctorate from the University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of service to his country, Jack Lanier joined the United States Army and retired as a colonel after an exceptional 22-year military career; he commanded the 93rd Evacuation Hospital in Vietnam and served at several postings throughout the United States, including as director of the Army-Baylor University Graduate Program; and

WHEREAS, Jack Lanier also managed the health system budget for the Department of Defense as the principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, and in 1992, he joined Virginia Commonwealth University to supervise the development and accreditation of the master of public health program; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Jack Lanier was appointed to the Virginia State Board of Health, where he served the Commonwealth for two terms and five consecutive years as chair, until he joined the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority in 2009; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, Jack Lanier was admired as a hardworking, trustworthy leader; he used his organizational and communications skills to build strong relationships with stakeholders in the community; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected by his peers, Jack Lanier is a fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and has offered his expertise to the education board of the American Public Health Association, the board of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, Inc., and the board of Catholic Health East, which represents over 100 facilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Jack O. Lanier on the occasion of his retirement as chief executive officer of the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Jack O. Lanier as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service to the City of Richmond, the Commonwealth, and the nation.

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